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I've written software professionally all of my life. I remember when Microsoft did not exist.

In my opinion, Microsoft's practices have been predatory and unfair for decades. The settlement reached by the government with MS neither punishes MS enough nor does it provide safeguards that similar problems will not occur in the future. With MS products crashing all around us (MS servers and the new MS Windows XP are full of bugs), MS should NOT be given any advantage in the marketplace. There is a sense in which our national security depends on reliable software, and MS is not providing it.

The settlement should be much more harsh, and should include specific oversight functions to ensure compliance. MS should NOT be trusted to comply.

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